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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1105

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE: TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN

REF: HELSINKI 1017, HELSINKI 1076

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN TODAY THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON CSCE, BUT ALSO TOUCHED IN A GENERAL WAY ON THE MIDDLE EAST, FINNISH INFLATION, AND KARJALAINEN'S TRIPS TO EAST AFRICA, MOSCOW AND GDR.

2. DESPITE THE STRAINS THAT COULD BE EXPECTED FROM THE UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE QUESTION OF THE THIRD PHASE OF CSCE IN HELSINKI THIS SUMMER, KARJALAINEN LOOKED WELL AND WAS IN A RELAXED MOOD. CONCERNING THE PRESENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF CSCE, WHEN ASKED FOR HIS ASSESSMENT, KARJALAINEN TOOK THE SAME LINE AS THAT OF HIS POLITICAL
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DIRECTOR AND OTHERS: I.E., THAT A SOLUTION DEPENDED

UPON, OR WAS IN THE HANDS OF, THE TWO GREAT POWERS.
I DISAGREED WITH HIS ANALYSIS AND TRIED TO DIS-
ABUSE HIM OF THIS TYPE OF THINKING.

3. CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF RELATIVELY INSIG-
NIFICANT AND GLACIAL PROGRESS AT PHASE II,
KARJALAINEN EITHER DID NOT HAVE AN EXPLANATION
OR WAS NOT READY TO SPECULATE. THE SAME WAS TRUE
WHEN, DRAWING IN PART ON GENEVA 3467 I RAISED
THE INDICATIONS OF A TOTAL DEADLOCK ON MILITARY
ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFOR-
MATION SUBJECTS. WHEN I BROUGHT UP THE POINT
THAT I WAS SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS TO RECONCILE THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE SOVIETS ARE SAYING
AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING AT PHASE II, KARJALAINEN
COULD ONLY AGREE THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME
INCONSISTENCY. IN THIS CONNECTION HE MENTIONED
THAT WHEN TALKING T BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW ON
APRIL 26, BREZHNEV HAD SEEMED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT
THE PROSPECTS FOR CSCE. KARJALAINEN ADDED, THAT
ALTHOUGH BREZHNEV AID HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE US
ROLE IN THE CSCE TO ANY EXTENT, BEZHNEV HAD
REMARKED THAT HE FELT THAT THE US HAD NOT BEEN
AS FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE ON CSCE AS IT
COULD HAVE BEEN -- BUT HAD ALSO NOT BEEN OB-
STRUCTIVE.

4. KARJALAINEN SEEMED TO BE MORE OR LESS RESIGNED
TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT PHASE III WOULD NOT BE
HELD IN HELSINKI IN JULY. WHEN I POINTED OUT
TO HIM THAT ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, AGAIN
DRAWING ON GENEVA 3467, THE SOVIETS STILL SEEMED
TO BE PUSHING HARD FOR A JULY MEETING, HE SEEMED
SOMEWHAT SURPRISED.

COMMENT: THE FEELING WE GET HERE IS THAT ALTHOUGH
THE FINNS ARE STILL "HOPING AGAINST HOPE" FOR
SOME BREAKTHROUGH MAKING THE JULY PHASE III
POSSIBLE, THEY ARE AT THE SAME TIME CONDITIONING
THEMSELVES TO THE POSSIBILITY, IF NOT PROBABIL-
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ITY, THAT SUCH WILL NOT BE THE CASE. THEY ARE
REITERATING THEIR READINESS TO HOST PHASE III,
THEIR WISH FOR IT TO TAKE PLACE "AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE", AS PRESIDENT KEKKONEN PUT IT IN HIS
RECENT TV SPEECH, AND THE GENERAL IMPORTANCE
OF THE WHOLE CSCE EXERCISE, BUT ARE PERHAPS
TELLING THEMSELVES THAT THE DECISIONS ARE
REALLY OUT OF THEIR HANDS. IN THIS CONNECTION. IT

CAN BE NOTED THAT KARJALAINEN DID NOT PURSUE
THE KEKKONEN LINE (SEE HELSINKI 1017) THAT THE
IMPORTANT THING IS THE FACT OF THE CSCE ITSELF
RATHER THAN THE CONTENT.
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